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News

Fourth Annual Treatment Symposium scheduled for Orlando

On October 9 and 10, the Fourth Annual Treatment Symposium will be held at the Select Processing treatment facility in Orlando, Florida. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever! In addition to the usual two days to learn about septage and grease trap treatment, there is an opportunity to attend the Water and Environment Federation annual conference, which begins the day after the symposium.

On the first day of the symposium, a classroom session gives vendors the opportunity to present case histories of operating facilities using their technology and product presentations for participants. The second day will start in the classroom and focus on grease trap waste. After lunch, buses will carry everyone to Select Processing of Orlando. This is an opportunity to see equipment up and running using real septage and grease trap waste. Direct experience with the equipment makes all the difference. Tours of the facility will also be provided.



Learn about septage and grease trap treatment at a working facility.

Registration Information

Registration is only \$275 per member (\$375 for non-members) and includes both the classroom presentation and the field demonstration. Lunch for

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Vacuum Truck Technician Training to go online

NAWT has developed an online course for vacuum truck training. In conjunction with the National Environmental Health Association, NAWT recorded the Vacuum Truck Technician Workshop in Louisville. Bruce Fox, NAWT Past President and Board member is the star of the show. When final editing is completed, the course will be accessible through the NAWT website. It will be hosted at the NEHA training website.

The training program is targeted specifically at owners and employees who operate a vacuum truck to clean septic tanks, aerobic treatment units, holding tanks or

grease traps. It offers the basics of operation and safe vacuum truck operation, ideal for new employees or people just starting in the business. At the same time, it provides a good refresher and overview for experienced operators.

NAWT member companies have expressed interest in using this course to provide initial screening and training of new employees. At

the end of the course, the user can print out a Certificate of Completion to document continuing education hours. If a credential is required, an

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News out of Louisville

Parnaby receives William Hapchuk Scholarship



Alyssa Parnaby

This year, NAWT received eight applications – a record – for the \$1,000 William Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship. Alyssa Parnaby, a Senior at Berkshire High School in Burton, Ohio, has won the 2009 scholarship. Her father, Donald Parnaby, is an Ohio Waste Haulers Association Qualified Service Provider and service technician at Tim Frank Septic Cleaning Company in Huntsburg, Ohio. Parnaby will

apply her scholarship toward tuition at Kent State University where she plans to major in English and become a teacher. Her hobbies are painting, drawing, cooking, and sewing.

Applicants were asked to write a 500-word essay on the role pumpers can play in reusing waste materials. Parnaby's composition followed the stages of dewatering septage, and listed the benefits of using the treated effluent for irrigation and the biosolids for agricultural fertilizer. She concluded that reducing the amount of waste would be impossible without pumpers, for the whole process would never begin. "It is because of them that a good amount of our

waste does not become the wasted," she wrote. The scholarship is available to any high school senior or full-time college student. The question set by the NAWT 2010 Scholarship Committee is:

Given that more than 25 percent of households in America use septic systems as their method for waste water treatment, and there is an increasing interest to use decentralized systems, the USEPA has suggested that there is an increased need for operation and management of these systems. This coupled with the fact that a lot of new development occurs on lots that are not able to support the use of conventional septic systems leading to the use of alternative technologies. All of these technologies require additional attention to make sure they are performing to the desired level of treatment. What roles can the pumper play in your community to ensure that these systems are operated and managed properly to ensure protection of public health and the environment?

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1, 2010. Pass this information on to any students you know who might be interested. They can download applications at www.nawt.org.

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exam can be taken at a Prometric training center near you.

Hiring and continued employment can be tied to successfully completing the course. In some areas of the country, some government agencies are requiring proof of adequate training of employees before contracts are let. This course provides that proof of adequate training to operate a vacuum truck.

The program was initially developed through funding provided by a grant from USEPA, the NAWT Education program

in partnership with the National Onsite Wastewater Education and Research Foundation, Inc., and the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association (PSMA). State associations or companies may present this workshop following a train-the-trainer program.

Upon signing up for the course, the registrant can download a manual to be used during the course or, for an additional fee, order a bound version from the NAWT office. Included in the course will be a series of study questions for each chapter. The exam is based on the

materials presented and the study guide.

The target is to have the program up and running by June 1, 2009. Cost for the online program will be \$175 per person, with an additional charge from Prometric for those taking the exam. By putting this program online, NAWT hopes its use will become more widespread. Offering it in this format will significantly reduce the cost of attendance.

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NAWT continues work with the MOU partnership

At the end of November 2008, Tom Ferrero, executive director of NAWT, and Tom Frank, president, attended a MOU Partners meeting in Washington, D.C. They, with members of the other 13 partners listened as Ben Grumbles, assistant administrator for the Office of Water (OW), delivered the opening remarks. Each of the 14 MOU partners described their respective organizations and interests in working with EPA. This was followed by a ceremonial signing of the updated MOU.

At the meeting, the top three areas of potential interest among the partners were:

1. Approaches for managing individual and clustered treatment systems
2. Types of advanced (electro-mechanical) treatment technologies
3. Degree to which the partners feel state programs adequately regulate and protect water resources

The attendees identified four areas that will form the basis of the MOU

partners' work plan.

1. Developing effective mechanisms for information exchange among signatories on program activities, regulations, and plans for engaging members in decentralized system activities
2. Continuing collaborative efforts to develop training, credentialing, and certification programs designed to improve consistency and competency among practitioners
3. Developing a public awareness campaign to promote improved system performance and management
4. Developing materials for organizations interested in considering, planning, or implementing decentralized systems for community wastewater treatment needs

In all of these key areas NAWT continues to be involved and many of the items have been a part of the NAWT mission. We will provide progress reports on these items periodically in coming newsletters—stay tuned and stay involved!

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two days is also included.

Hotel—get the NAWT discount

Call the NAWT office for the NAWT special rate of \$150 per night plus 12.5% taxes for October 8 and 9; after that, the rate goes to \$217 per night. More information about the Renaissance Orlando Resort SeaWorld is on the internet: renaissanceseworldorlando.com

Plan to stay a few extra days to enjoy WEF's Technical Exhibition

and Conference at the Orlando Convention Center

Vendor Space is Still Available!

If you would like to present a technology at the Symposium, there is still space available. This will give you the opportunity to:

- Present your product to pumping professionals interested in building treatment facilities

NAWT offers waste treatment workshop to states

If you are a member of a state association or organization and need ideas for a session at your association meeting, NAWT has created a one-day workshop based on the Pumper Show education day presentations and the waste treatment symposiums. This workshop specifically addresses how to determine whether to build a treatment facility, and what kind of a facility to build. The topics for discussion are:

- What are my disposal resources and how do they fit?
- Treatment Processes, what is out there?
- Evaluating costs as a part of the decision-making process
- Meeting Part 503 requirements
- Turning grease trap waste into gold
- Developing a business plan

If you are interested in having this session at your meeting, contact the NAWT office.

- Demonstrate your product using real septage and grease trap waste
- Build connections within the industry.

The registration fee of only \$550 per vendor includes both the classroom presentation opportunity and the field demonstration, plus meals for two.

Register by phone at (800) 236-6298.

Training and certification schedule

Information and registration at nawt.org/training/.

Inspector Training & Certification

June 16, 2009 – Flagstaff, AZ

NAWT Inspector Recertification Training
AzOWRA Annual Conference
Radisson Woodlands Hotel, Flagstaff
Contact: Kitt Farrell-Poe at 928-782-3836 to register for training
kittfp@ag.arizona.edu
<http://ag.arizona.edu/waterquality/onsite/#WorkshopSchedule>

August 25-26, 2009 – Arizona

NAWT Inspector Training
Site to be determined tentatively
Flagstaff, AZ
Contact : Kitt Farrell-Poe at 928-782-3836 to register for training
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<http://ag.arizona.edu/waterquality/onsite/#WorkshopSchedule>

October 15-16, 2009 – San Luis Obispo, CA

NAWT Inspector Training
Site to be determined
Contact : COWA at 916-727-2692 to register for training
maryanne@cowa.org

Operations and Maintenance Training

April 29-30, 2009 – West Sacramento, CA

NAWT Operation and Maintenance Training Part I
Rural Community Assistance Corp,
3120 Freeboard Dr.
Contact : COWA at 916-727-2692 to register for training
maryanne@cowa.org

November 5-6, 2009 – San Luis Obispo, CA

NAWT Operation and Maintenance Training Part I
Site to be determined
Contact : COWA at 916-727-2692 to register for training
maryanne@cowa.org

December 10-11, 2009 – Mill Valley, CA

NAWT Operation and Maintenance Training Part 2
Alpine Conference Room 730
Panoramic Hwy
Contact : COWA at 916-727-2692 to register for training
maryanne@cowa.org

Vacuum Truck Technician Training

June 12, 2009 – Monterey, CA

NAWT Vacuum Truck Technician Training
Site to be determined
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